

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT NSW

PUSHING COMMUNITIES FORWARD WITH TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

TUESDAY, 13 MAY, 2025  
DOLTONE HOUSE, DARLING ISLAND  
SYDNEY



## SPEAKERS



Sutherland Shire  
COUNCIL

Leanne Siveyer  
Chief Information Officer



Sunshine Coast  
COUNCIL

Dave Burns  
Chief Information Officer



Bayside Council  
Serving Our Community

Richard Sheridan  
Head of City Performance



eurobodalla  
shire council

Ayman Essmat  
Chief Information Officer



CANTERBURY  
BANKSTOWN

Louise O'Donnell  
Head of Digital Transformation



camden  
council

Hanan Zakaria  
Head of IT Strategy & Programs

## KEY TOPICS

- Local Government technology priorities to transform citizen experience
- Unpacking the potential for AI across Local Government
- Cybersecurity preparedness & response strategies for safer Communities
- How AI & automated decision-making by Government affect everyday lives?

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Chief Information Officers
- Chief Technology Officers
- Directors of Corporate Services
- Directors of City Performance
- Heads of Information Technology
- Heads of Community Experience
- Heads of Digital
- Heads of Business Transformation

# SUMMIT AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

## 8:30 REGISTRATION, COFFEE & NETWORKING

## 9:00 WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON



### 9:10 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

How the Sunshine Coast is leveraging next-gen technology & becoming one of Australia's fastest growing regions

**Dave Burns**, Chief Information Officer, Sunshine Coast Council

## 9:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES TO TRANSFORM CITIZEN EXPERIENCE

- Developing an impactful tech strategy that links back to business strategy
- Demonstrating the value of investment in technology to key stakeholders and communities
- Improving citizen engagement through digital transformation

**Leanne Siveyer**, Chief Information Officer, Sutherland Shire Council

**Dane Hamilton**, Chief Information Officer, Shoalhaven City Council

**Louise O'Donnell**, Head of Digital Transformation, City of Canterbury Bankstown

**Richard Sheridan**, Director of City Performance, Bayside Council

## 10:20 CASE STUDY: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

## 10:50 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING



### 11:20 SIMULATION SCENARIO

Tech Quest to Level Up Local Government Leadership through Innovation

## 11:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: UNPACKING THE POTENTIAL FOR AI ACROSS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Setting up a framework for success in an AI era
- Exploring practical use cases of AI to drive citizen-centric services
- Challenges and areas to consider for ethical usage

**Ayman Essmat**, Chief Information Officer, Eurobodalla Shire Council

**Hanan Zakaria**, Head of IT Strategy & Programs, Camden Council

**Sharon Bowman**, Technology & Transformation Manager, Hornsby Shire Council

## 12:20 CASE STUDY: OVERCOMING LEGACY INFRASTRUCTURE, REDUCING COSTS & INCREASING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES

## 12:50 LUNCH & NETWORKING

### 1:30 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- A unified digital experience for all: Consolidating platforms for customer & employee engagement
- Leveraging AI to enhance services & improve reliability
- Streamlining revenue management, direct debit payments & ratepayer interactions
- Transforming citizen and staff IT experience in local government with an AI-Native Network
- Revolutionising your Information management operations & protecting sensitive data

## 2:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE STRATEGIES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

- Core pillars of a cyber defense strategy
- Ensuring a well informed and cyber conscious council and community
- Exploring opportunities for knowledge sharing and collective cyber defence

**Tasleem Ullah**, ICT Program Manager, Campbelltown City Council

**Anthony Collis**, IT Manager, Randwick City Council

**Richard Cadet**, IT Manager, Armidale Regional Council

## 2:50 CASE STUDY: HOW WE CAN LEVERAGE SMART CITY TECHNOLOGIES TO ENHANCE URBAN EFFICIENCY & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

## 3:20 AFTERNOON BREAK & NETWORKING



### 3:40 KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Automated Decision-Making in NSW - How will the Use of AI by State & Local Governments affect Everyday Lives?

**Kimberlee Weatherall**,

- Professor of Law - University of Sydney,
- Chief Investigator - ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society

## 4:10 CLOSING REMARKS

## 4:15 NETWORKING DRINKS

## 5:00 EVENT END